

AQuESTT for Nebraska ... emPOWERED by DATA Conference -- *HAS GONE MOBILE!!*

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AQuESTT for Nebraska ... emPOWERED by Data

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Registration is now closed on our website – any late registrations can be made on-site the day of the conference.

The first ever **AQuESTT for Nebraska... emPOWERED by Data** conference will be held April 27 - 28, 2015 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska.

The new system for Nebraska is developing and the Accountability for a Quality Education System Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT) process provides the framework for Nebraska Education.

The conference purpose is to provide district and Educational Service Unit (ESU) teams with an understanding of the emerging accountability system—AQuESTT, including the six tenets and related areas of focus along with the systems of support for Nebraska schools. In addition, information about the AQuESTT performance classification of public schools and districts and the designation of priority schools related to LB 438 will be provided along with a number of sessions that include the latest efforts in data use, tools, and training around the systems of support for Nebraska education.

Several pre-conference sessions will target specific audiences. A sampling includes a data collection NSSRS/CDC "boot camp," Learning Forward professional learning, Career Education, and others.

Who should attend?

School districts and ESUs are encouraged to send teams to the conference to learn about key features of AQuESTT and about critical systems of support. Suggestions for team members include administrators, curriculum directors, special education directors, assessment coordinators, data stewards, school improvement

team members, teacher leaders, and others involved in supporting the systems of education for every student, every day.



NCLB Non Qualified Verification Report—NDE REPORT ERRORS

Contact: Pat Madsen (402-471-4863 or pat.madsen@nebraska.gov)

Although this report is currently available in the Portal for your district/system if you have uploaded the Student Grades template, please note that we have discovered some issues with the programming that are causing teachers to inappropriately appear as not NCLB qualified. We are working on making system corrections as soon as possible and will advise you via the *NDE BULLETIN* when the system changes are accomplished. At that time, we will encourage you to review the report for accuracy and to determine if any HOUSS approval requests are necessary. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. Thank you for your patience!



Comment on Draft of Revised Mathematics Standards Requested

Contact: Deb Romanek (402-471-2503 or deb.romanek@nebraska.gov)

The State Board of Education is seeking public comment on the draft of the revised state mathematics standards. The comments from school personnel will be especially helpful and considered as the State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education staff work to finalize documents.

For the past several months a team of Nebraska educators has been working to ensure the mathematics standards prepare all students for college and career readiness. It is important to hear from a broader spectrum of Nebraska educators as the final changes are made.

Please take a few minutes to share the draft of the proposed revisions with your staff and encourage them to complete the survey available now through May 29. <http://www.education.ne.gov/math/index.html>



Career Academy Program Application – Opened: April 22

Contact: Rich Katt (402-471-4808 or rich.katt@nebraska.gov)

The Career Academy Program Application in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) on April 22. The CDC is found on the NDE Portal under the Data Collections tab. This collection is used when Districts submit an application to open a Career Academy. A Career Academy Program is a sequence of credit-bearing academic and career technical courses which reflect a Career Cluster selected in response to local, regional or state employment needs and demand for expertise.

Districts are required to apply for the Career Academy by September 1st of the preceding year; however, since we are opening the application this late in the year, those districts opening a Career Academy Program for 2015-2016 should be applying this spring.



The following collections in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC)

will Open: May 1 - Due Date: June 15

Annual Participation Report

Title I Part A School-wide Projects and/or Targeted Assistance Schools; Title I Part A Funded Staff; Neglected/Delinquent; Homeless – Unaccompanied.

Collection completed by Public– Due June 15

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov (402) 471-1740 or Beth Zillig – beth.zillig@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2452

Days In Session/Instructional Program Hours

Days in session by grade.

Instructional program Hours –KG, Elem & Sec. Also included in this collection are Pre-K instructional hours for public district/system operated early childhood education programs by attendance site.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated– Due June 15

For more information on Days In Session, contact Bryce Wilson bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3570.

For information on Pre-Kindergarten, Tammi Hicken – tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3184.

For information on Instructional Program Hours, Freida Lange – freida.lange@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2444

ESU/District/System/School Information Report

Collects demographic data for ESUs, Districts, Systems and Schools for the next school year.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU and Interim – Due June 15

For more information, contact Ginny Carter – ginny.carter@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2369.

Nonpublic High School Completer Report

The Nonpublic Completer Report is for each nonpublic system that has the potential of serving students in grade 12.

Collection completed by Nonpublic– Due June 15

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – jill.aurand@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3321

Pupil Transportation Report

Transportation/Bus Information.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU– Due June 15

For more information, contact Janice Eret – Janice.eret@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2248

Report of Suspensions/Expulsions

Suspension/Expulsions (Including Firearm Expulsions).

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated – Due June 15

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – jill.aurand@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3321

State of Schools Report

Collects district and school information and Improvement Goals and Graduation Requirements.

Collection completed by Public – Due June 15

For more information, contact John Moon – john.moon@nebraska.gov (402) 471-1685



Nonpublic Consultation for 2015-16 – NEW PROCESS – Due Date: May 1

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

Due in two weeks...Collections opened March 1 and are due to NDE by May 1.

New process for completing consultations with nonpublic schools regarding equitable services for the 2015-16 school year. These two collections are now found in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) for the following programs:

- Title I-A: Services for At-Risk Students

- Title I-C: Migrant
- Title II-A: Teacher and Principal Training
- Title III: Limited English Proficient
- Title IV-B: 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Each of these collections will provide the public district forms to use when consulting with nonpublic schools regarding participation in the programs. Prepopulated forms are available for download by the public district to use when consulting with the nonpublic school(s). Upon completion of the consultation, the public district will enter the information from the forms into the appropriate collection in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection. Completed, signed forms will remain on file at the public district and may be requested by NDE at any time and/or reviewed during NCLB monitoring.

The District's submission is not complete until the collection has been "Submitted" and "Approved" by the District.

Title I Nonpublic Consultation

Every District receiving Title I funds and having resident low-income school aged students attending a nonpublic school will need to complete this collection. The public district is not required to complete or submit a Title I Nonpublic Consultation form for Rule 12 or 13 exempt status schools. A form will need to be completed for each Nonpublic system that has reported having students eligible for free or reduced lunch as reported in the Nonpublic Membership Report.

Federal Programs Within Boundaries Nonpublic Consultation

Every public school district in Nebraska that has one or more nonpublic systems located within the public school district's geographic boundaries must complete this form. It is the responsibility of the public school district to submit this completed form to the Nebraska Department of Education. A form will need to be completed for each nonpublic system geographically located within the public school district attendance area to document that the nonpublic system was consulted regarding potential participation in a federal program.



SPED Proportionate Share Worksheet for Non-Public Schools – 2015-16

Open: April 13 - Due Date: July 31

Contact : Rita Hammit (402-595-2092) or Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308) in the Office of Special Education

All school districts (including districts that do NOT have approved/accredited non-public schools or exempt home schools located within the district's jurisdiction) are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to complete and submit the 2015-16 IDEA Proportionate Share application. This collection is found under the "Data Collection" Tab in the portal. This collection is based on the October 1, 2014 child count of eligible children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and represents the amount of IDEA funds that must be expended for eligible parentally placed children with disabilities in an accredited/approved nonpublic school or an exempt home school within the school district boundaries.

For additional information refer to NDE Technical Assistance Document, "Special Education Services to Children with Disabilities (ages 3-21) Enrolled by Their Parents in Non-public Schools" located at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/technicalassist/ServicesNonpublicSchools.pdf>



Title I Annual Participation Report **Open: May 1 – Due Date: June 15**

Contact Diane Stuehmer – (402 471-1740 diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov) or Beth Zillig – (402 471-2452 beth.zillig@nebraska.gov)

Collection completed by Public – ESU's only report ESU staff on part 2 of this report.

ALL districts having Title I programs are required to submit this report. Please remember that the district needs to **Submit** and **Approve** the collection in the CDC (Consolidated Data Collection).

There are 4 parts of this report: Title I Part A School-wide Programs and/or Targeted Assistance Schools; Title I Part A Funded Staff; Neglected/Delinquent; Homeless – Unaccompanied.



NeSA-RMS and NeSA-AA testing window

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

The NeSA-RMS and NeSA-AA testing window started on March 23.
The testing window will end on May 1.

On April 16th districts will have access to Preliminary NeSA-W Reports and Data Files on eDIRECT. Please review.



Special Education Post-School Outcomes - Open: April 1 - Due Date: April 30

Contact: Rita Hammitt (402-595-2092 or rita.hammitt@nebraska.gov)

The report for submitting contact information for students who exited special education in **2013-14 school year** can be found on the NDE Portal under the Data Collection tab.

Please be sure to scroll down on the report to enter each student's contact information as indicated. It is very important the student contact information is accurate to assure your students will be contacted and included in this required collection and your district's Post School Outcome report. It may be necessary to gather some of the student contact information from student's resource teachers.

Please note this collection process has been enhanced to document the timely submission of the information as this collection is considered for each district's annual federally required "determination".

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

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Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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